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Report Highlights: Vietnam's rice production estimate remains unchanged from Post's last report in April 2007.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Production Update:

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), as of the end May 2007, harvesting of the Winter-Spring crop in the Red River Delta (North Vietnam) has started only in the mountain region. Reported average yield, thus far, has been unexpectedly low; the lowest in ten years, and only 70% of that of 2006.

The Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has just released the latest update of the Summer-Autumn rice production, the second crop of the Mekong River Delta. As of the end of May 2007, Vietnam's southern provinces have planted 1.39 million hectares, which is about 69% of the 2007 Summer-Autumn production target. Of this amount, one million hectares were planted all at the same time in order to avoid transmission of disease and pests between old and new crops. Paddy was reported in good growing condition.

End of Report